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(I) MANILA 9678, (J) 75 MANILA 6340,
(K) 75 RANGOON A-109, (L) 75 RANGOON A-026

1. AS INDICATED BY REFS B THROUGH I, THE ADB HAS BEEN CONSIDERING A $45.9 MILLION LOAN FROM ITS SPECIAL FUND RESOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT FOR QUITE SOME TIME. APPROVAL OF THE LOAN WAS HELD UP PENDING A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE ADB PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THE BANK HAD SUFFICIENT SPECIAL FUNDS TO FINANCE THIS PROJECT. THE PRESIDENT DID SUBMIT SUCH A REPORT AND THE PROJECT COULD BE CONSIDERED APPROVED AS OF JULY 1 (REF I). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GUB AND ADB WILL SIGN A FORMAL AGREE-
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MENT ON THE LOAN JULY 28. SHORTLY THEREAFTER GUB DEPARTMENT

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OF IRRIGATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS WILL BEGIN TO DRAW UP SHORT LISTS OF CONSULTANTS FOR ADB APPROVAL. CONSULTANTS WILL BE RECRUITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADB'S GUIDELINES ON THE USES OF CONSULTANTS. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANTS CONTAINED IN ADB REPORT NO. BUR: AP.-7.

2. REFERENCE J REFERRED TO SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PORTION OF THIS PROJECT. THESE CONSULTANTS WERE SELECTED DIRECTLY BY ADB.

3. REFERENCE L WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A PREVIOUS EMBASSY MESSAGE GIVING EARLY WARNING ON THIS AND OTHER UPCOMING IRRIGATION PROJECTS. IT ADVISED THAT THE GUB IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE NEED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES AND ONLY THOSE FIRMS REGISTERED WITH THE IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR SHORT LISTS OF CONSULTING FIRMS.

4. EMBASSY WILL INFORM CHIEF ENGINEER, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT OF DRAVO'S INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT. HOWEVER, WE URGE THAT DRAVO DIRECTLY CONTACT:
CHIEF ENGINEER
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT
9/21 STRAND ROAD
RANGOON, BURMA
THE FIRM SHOULD INDICATE ITS INTEREST IN THIS AND OTHER CONSULTING WORK IN BURMA AND LIST ITS QUALIFICATIONS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE L. AT THIS STAGE WE SUGGEST THIS BE DONE BY CABLE WITH INFO COPY TO THE EMBASSY SO WE CAN FOLLOW-UP ON IT.

5. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS SEDAWGYI A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. CONSULTANTS AND SUPPLIERS AND WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT FOR MORE THAN 18 MONTHS. WHILE IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR DRAVO, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO USE WHAT INFLUENCE WE HAVE WITH THE IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE US FIRM IS INCLUDED ON THE SHORT LIST OF CONSULTANTS.
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